



## Department of Toxic Substances Control



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### **PUBLIC NOTICE** **DTSC APPROVES PERMIT MODIFICATION REQUEST FOR** **SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY** **February 16, 2006**

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has approved the Class 2 Permit Modification Request from The Boeing Company (Boeing) dated January 23, 2004 which revises the Closure Plan for the Hazardous Waste Management Facility located in Area IV of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory, Simi Hills, Ventura County.

The Hazardous Waste Management Facility was under a Hazardous Waste Facility Permit from 1983 to 2003 for the storage and treatment of alkali metals such as sodium metal and potassium metal. The facility ceased operations in 1997. The revised Closure Plan updates the previously approved Closure Plan dated December 1992. Closure involves:

- decontaminating existing structures in place, including buildings, tanks, concrete pads and asphalt pavement.
- demolishing existing structures including buildings, tanks, concrete pads and asphalt pavement.
- testing underlying soils for possible contamination.
- excavating contaminated soils (if found) and backfilling (as required) with soil from an on-site borrow area.
- grading the area for possible future use.

Boeing intends to close the facility and clean it up to the standards for unrestricted residential use.

For this project, DTSC prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated Initial Study indicates that closure activities for closing the Hazardous Waste Management Facility will not cause a significant negative impact to the environment with the addition of conditions known as "mitigation measures." Mitigation measures were added to increase protection of two federally listed plants, oak trees, potential nesting migratory birds, and three potential California listed reptile species.

A public comment period for the proposed Closure Plan occurred from January 30 to April 30, 2004, with a public meeting on March 15, 2004. An additional public comment period for the draft CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration occurred from December 2, 2005 to January 17, 2006. DTSC reviewed comments received from both comment periods and prepared a Response to Public Comments Document.

Documents including the Class 2 Permit Modification Request, Closure Plan, Response to Comments, CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration, CEQA Initial Study, and DTSC's Decision Letter can be reviewed at the following locations:

- California State University Northridge, Oviatt Library, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330. Contact: Robert Marshall (818) 667-2832;
- Simi Valley Library, 2969 Tapo Canyon Road, Simi Valley, CA 93063. Contact: Martha Gifford (805) 526-1735;
- Los Angeles Public Library - Platt Branch, 23600 Victory Boulevard, Woodland Hills, CA 91367. Contact: Lynn Light (818) 340-9386.

Copies of these documents and the full administrative record for this facility is available for review at:

- California Department of Toxic Substances Control, 1011 North Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Jone Barrio (818) 551-2886.

DTSC-produced documents can be viewed on DTSC's website [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov) under the Santa Susana Field Laboratory link.

Approval of a Class 2 Permit Modification Request represents a permit decision that may be appealed in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66271.18. These regulations provide that any person may petition the Department for review of any permit condition which has been changed from a draft permit decision to the final permit decision. In addition, any person who filed comments on a draft permit decision may petition the Department to review any condition of the permit decision. The petition must include a statement of the reasons supporting the request for review, including a demonstration that any issues being raised were raised during the public comment period and when appropriate, a showing that the condition in question is based on: 1) a finding of fact or conclusion of law which is clearly erroneous; or 2) an exercise of discretion or an important policy consideration which DTSC should review. A petition must be submitted to DTSC requesting a review of the permit decision within a 30 day appeal period beginning on February 20, 2006, and ending March 21 2006. The Permit Modification becomes effective on March 22, 2006, unless a petition for review is filed. The petition must be sent to:

Mr. Watson Gin, P.E.  
Deputy Director  
Hazardous Waste Management Program  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
1001 I Street  
P.O. Box 806  
Sacramento, California 95812 0806

A copy of the petition should also be sent to:

Mr. Jose Kou, P.E., Chief  
Southern California Permitting and Corrective Action Branch  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
1011 North Grandview Avenue  
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For further information, please contact Mr. Nathan Schumacher, Public Participation Specialist, toll free at (866) 495-5651, [nschumac@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:nschumac@dtsc.ca.gov) or Mr. Stephen Baxter, Project Manager at (818) 551-2940, [sbaxter@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:sbaxter@dtsc.ca.gov). You may direct media inquiries to Ms. Jeanne Garcia, Public Information Officer at (818) 551-2176, [jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:jgarcia1@dtsc.ca.gov).